The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The Clarion Call

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From the Department Commander

Brothers,

First, congratulations to our very own Brother Ed Norris for his election as national Commander in Chief! It is well deserved and well earned! This is a very exciting time to be a member of the SUVCW! We have a new camp forming in Boston and great projects being carried out by our Department and our camps. I hope you are all striving to bring in new members as I requested in the last Clarion Call. The more we grow, the more we can do!

The Annual trip to Gettysburg is coming up in November and I encourage you all to join us. The Department makes a great financial commitment to this trip by hiring a coach to take us to and from Gettysburg so that the trip can be affordable to all members. But more importantly, we decorate the graves of all of the soldiers buried at Gettysburg and remember them in a very solemn ceremony. I will be sending out the trip and registration information soon, but please mark your calendar now for November 21-24 and join us!

The Project New Hope Dinner is a way for us, as a group, to give back to our veterans by supporting this worthwhile charity. Please consider purchasing a ticket, or, getting together a number of friends and purchasing a table. It is a night of good food and good company. Thank you Brother Dexter Bishop for organizing this.

Remember we need to be seen to be known and known to be relevant and relevant to grow our numbers!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Stuart “Chip” Chambers, Department Commander

Congratulations Commander-in-Chief

Edward J. Norris!

Mark Your Calendars for Our Annual Gettysburg Remembrance Day Trip! Registration forms at the end of this Clarion Call!

The 63rd Annual Remembrance Day trip this year will be from 21 November - 24 November. All are welcome and encouraged to join us! Thursday is the bus trip to Gettysburg, Friday will be a visit to a Civil War battlefield or Museum, Saturday, we will participate in all of the Remembrance Day activities and Sunday we will return home. Saturday is also the Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast! Those with uniforms are encouraged to bring them and march in the parade on Saturday. There will be more details and a registration form for the trip to be sent out to all members soon. Please join us for this great tribute to the Boys in Blue!

Membership Drive Results

Our Department Commander has challenged us with bringing in one new member this year and having the new members and their sponsors listed in the Clarion Call. As of this date, I have not received any new member information to list here in the Clarion Call.

New England Regional Association of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary Annual Friendship Luncheon A success!

The New England Friendship luncheon, held Saturday, July 20 in Laconia, NH was a great success and than you all who attended. Our very special guest was Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw and it was an honor and a privilege to have him with us. All of our New england Departments were represented and the food was excellent. PDC Kevin Tucker was the outgoing Commander, NVP Mary Catherine Knight of L. A. Tifft Aux 10, ASUVCW of Springfield MA is the newly elected and installed Commander of NERA for the coming Year. Congratulations to Sister Mary Catherine! Please join us for the luncheon next year when our guest will be our very own Commander in Chief Ed Norris! Thank you Brother Kevin Tucker for making this happen!

Still Looking for Events for the Calendar!

Every year we all hold annual events that have not been well communicated throughout the Department. We can do better! I am building an annual events calendar that will list every planned annual event that will be held by any camp in the Department. The goal is to capture all of these events and the dates and locations in one document so that we can get that information out to the Department members far in advance of the event and get better participation and, hopefully, press coverage.

Please send me the list of events that your camp is scheduling for 2019 along with dates and locations. I will put them all into one document and post it on the website and in the Clarion Call. Send to suvcwclarioncall@gmail.com

The Willie Grout Camp 25 will be Co-hosting a reenactment!

The Willie Grout Camp 25 will be Co-hosting a reenactment with the Thompson Historical Society Sept.28-29. The "BATTLE OF THE CRATER" will be held at 82 Blash Rd. Fabyan Ct. Camp opens to the public on September 28, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m. and September 29, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This event is Hosted by, The Willie Grout Camp No. 25 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Thompson Historical Society. $15 entry, under 14 half off, Veterans free admission. Sunday concert by the Providence Brigade Band.

If you can make it, please support this important event!

Shrewsbury 150th Civil War Memorial Rededication

The town of Shrewsbury Ma has invited the Willie Grout Camp to their 150th Civil War Memorial Rededication, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. it would be great to have a good turnout for this event.

New Camp Forming!

We will be forming a new camp in Charlestown, Boston, MA and initially, we will be holding meetings at the J.W. Conway Bunker Hill Post 26 American Legion, located at 23 Adams Street in Charlestown MA, 02129. If you have friends in Boston who are interested in joining the SUVCW and would be interested in joining, have them contact Brother Rod Fraser at SUVCWclarioncall@gmail.com

Rededication of General Hinks Post 95, GAR Plot!

The Department of Massachusetts will conduct a Ceremony of Rededication on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at 11:00 AM, at Riverside Cemetery, 164 Winter Street, Saugus, MA 01906.
We will be rededicating the newly renovated Gen. E.W. Hinks Post 95, Grand Army of the Republic plot. The renovation is the work of Gordon Shepard of Saugus, and his supporters, who raised over $12,000 for the project through raffles, donations and other fundraising.
Mr. Shepard has been nominated for the National Organization's Founder's Award, which will be announced at the National Encampment in Cleveland, in August.
Following the ceremonies, there will be a collation at the Saugus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2346, 190 Main Street, Saugus, MA 01906.

Brother with uniforms are asked to come and participate in the Ceremony of Rededication, if possible. We should assemble at the cemetery by 10:30 AM on Sept. 28th.
Please mark your calendars now, and make every effort to attend this event. It is important to show our support and appreciation for the efforts of people like Gordon Shepard, in remembering Civil War Veterans and caring for their final resting places.
This will be a Department sponsored event, and I hope you will come out and support your Sisters and Brothers.

Susie Taylor Memorial Update!

Thus far, we have raised $4875.00 of the $7200.00 needed for the Susie Taylor Memorial to be erected at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston. Susie Taylor was a former slave and the first African American US Army nurse. She currently rests in the cemetery in a grave with no marking for her or notice of her incredible life. For more information on Mrs Taylor or the project, contact Brother Rod Fraser at suvcwclarioncall@gmail.com

DINNER TO BENEFIT PROJECT NEW HOPE

Please join the Department Leadership at our third annual dinner to benefit project new hope Sunday, September 29th, 2019 6:00 pm at Grotonwood Camp & Conference Center 167 Prescott Street, Groton MA 01450. Come and enjoy a wonderful dinner, while helping our veterans rebuild their lives with honor. Tickets are $30 per person or sponsor a table for $240 per table of 8. Please RSVP to Dexter Bishop, PDC at 978-471-0791 or by email at genord9@comcast.net. We hope you can join us!

From the Department Patriotic Instructor

Every camp commander to appoint a Patriotic Instructor. Please refer to:
http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/National-PI-Handbook-v2.1.pdf
Refer to the C&R, Chapter I, Article VIII, Section 1, for the official job description of the Camp Patriotic Instructor.
The CAMP PI must submit his reports (events and activities of the Camp from January thru December) to the Department PI no later than the date prescribed on the report form(1 April). This will allow a minimum of a six weeks for the DPI to compile the data received and to prepare his report for the Department Encampment. Please bear in mind that it is through this report (form 40) that your camp gets credit for all the hard work it does throughout the year.
Questions can be addressed to me at KenLondon@comcast.net.

Upcoming Events

September

Sep 18 1300 Hours	Civil War Show hosted by Maj. Thomas B Griffith Camp 22, Chelsea Soldiers Home. All are welcome
Sep 21 1300 Hours	Block Party Fundraiser for Lynn GAR Hall
Sep 21 1600 Hours	Bean Supper and Presentation of Award, Lynn GAR Hall sponsored by General Frederick Lander Camp 5 to support the Lynn History Bee
Sep 28, 29	BATTLE OF THE CRATER reenactment (see notice above)
Sep 28 1100 Hours	Rededication of General Hinks Post 95, GAR Plot (see notice above)
Sep 29 1800 Hours	Dinner to benefit Project New Hope (see notice above)
Oct 8 100 Hours	Recruitment Table at the Topsfield Fair. See Brother Dexter Bishop if you wish to volunteer.
Oct 26 1000 Hours	Shrewsbury Ma 150th Civil War Memorial Rededication

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Brothers and Sisters, Family and Friends:

The Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War would like to invite interested members, and their family and friends to join us on our 20th annual "Remembrance Day Weekend Trip", November 21st through 24th, 2019. We will be traveling to the hallowed ground of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to participate in the observance of the 156th anniversary of President Lincoln's dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, and delivery of his most famous speech, "The Gettysburg Address". This year, our trip will include a side trip to the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA.

DEPARTURE:
Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019
The trip departs from Riverside Center, 275 Grove Street, in Newton, Massachusetts at 8:00 AM, Thursday, November 21, 2019. (Free, secure parking in the garage at the rear of the complex will be available for the weekend.) There will be a second pick up at Old Sturbridge Village at about 9:00 AM. Passengers will be traveling to Gettysburg aboard a comfortable motor coach, and are scheduled to arrive in Gettysburg around dinnertime. While in Gettysburg, we will be lodging at the Quality Inn on Steinwehr Avenue, next to the Gettysburg battlefield. Numerous restaurants are within walking distance.

SIDE TRIP:
Friday, Nov. 22, 2019
We will depart the Quality Inn in Gettysburg at 9:00 AM for Harrisburg PA, where we will visit the National Civil War Museum. Lunch to follow. Lunch and the museum are included in the price of the trip.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019

PARADE AND CEREMONIES

SUVCW Remembrance Day events will be held in Gettysburg . Among the many highlights of activities on Remembrance Day will be the SUVCW's annual Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Ceremony at the Woolson Monument on the Gettysburg Battlefield at 11:00 AM and the Remembrance Day Parade through town, which begins at 1:30 PM, and ends at the Gettysburg Battlefield.

MILITARY BALL
At 9:00 PM, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War holds their spectacular period dress "National Military Ball", in Gettysburg, with proceeds going toward the funding of monument restorations at the Gettysburg National Battlefield. Information to purchase tickets for the Ball is available at SUVCW.org.

RETURN:
Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019
We will be departing Gettysburg for home at 11:00 AM on Sunday morning. We expect to arrive back in Sturbridge at around 8:00 PM, and in Newton at around 9:00 PM.

The cost of the trip will be **$345.00** per person, (double occupancy) and includes roundtrip travel and lodging, admission to Antietam National Battlefield and lunch on Friday. A complimentary breakfast will be provided by the motel each morning. Participants will be responsible for all other meals and any other trip costs. Reservations are limited to 28 people, so make reservations as soon as possible. Please send a non-refundable deposit of **$80.00** to reserve your place on the trip, by **October 17, 2019**, with the full balance due by November 10, 2019.
Note: We have had to raise our prices due to rate increases from the hotel and bus company this year.

Mail your check or money order, made payable to Dept. of MA, SUVCW, along with the Pre-Registration Form to:

Daniel Murray
40 Lake Road
Brentwood, NH 03833-6206

You can email me with questions at: d_lmurray@yahoo.com**,** or call me at (603) 347-1723.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Daniel W Murray, Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

November 21 - 24, 2019
Remembrance Day Trip to Gettysburg
PRE-REGISTRATION

Complete trip includes:

- Round trip bus transportation
- Friday trip – National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA.
- Friday Lunch
- Three nights (per person, double occupancy) at the Quality Inn on Steinwehr Avenue in Gettysburg, including a free continental breakfast daily
- Free long-term parking at Newton or Sturbridge

PRE-REGISTRATION

Name(s)_____

Address_____

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Telephone No. and email address_____

TOTAL PAYMENT(S) ENCLOSED
Complete Trip Cost $345.00 p.p.d.o. $_____

Non-refundable Deposit $80.00 per person (required by October 17th) $_____

Grand Total enclosed $_____

Balance Due by November 10th $_____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "DEPT OF MA SUVCW" AND MAIL TO:
Daniel Murray,
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If Parking:
Make, model and license plate number of vehicle _____

Location you'll be parked (Newton or Sturbridge) _____